

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An envelope, comprising:
 - (a) a top sheet having front and rear surfaces;
 - 5 (b) a bottom sheet having front and rear surfaces;
 - (c) a center sheet having:
 - (i) a front surface adhesively attached to the top sheet's rear surface;
 - (ii) a rear surface adhesively attached to the bottom
10 sheet's front surface;
 - (iii) a first aperture in and intersecting one end of the center sheet, the first aperture forming an open-ended pocket between the top sheet's rear surface and the bottom sheet's front surface; and,
 - 15 (d) a closure flap formed on an end of the bottom sheet adjacent the one end of the center sheet.
2. An envelope as defined in claim 1, further comprising a second
20 aperture in and intersecting an end of the top sheet adjacent the one end of the center sheet.
3. An envelope as defined in claim 2, the closure flap further comprising an adhesive strip on a front surface of the closure flap.
- 25 4. An envelope as defined in claim 3, the closure flap further comprising a tear strip.
5. An envelope as defined in claim 4, the tear strip further comprising a pair of spaced perforations extending across the closure
30 flap.

6. An envelope as defined in claim 4, the tear strip further comprising a pair of spaced perforations extending across the closure flap substantially parallel to the one end of the center sheet.
- 5 7. An envelope as defined in claim 5, wherein the adhesive strip is between the tear strip and a distal end of the closure flap.
8. An envelope as defined in claim 5, wherein the adhesive strip further comprises a resealable adhesive.
- 10 9. An envelope as defined in claim 5, the closure flap further comprising at least one score line formed adjacent and substantially parallel to the one end of the center sheet.
- 15 10. An envelope as defined in claim 5, the closure flap further comprising a pair of closely-spaced score lines formed adjacent and substantially parallel to the one end of the center sheet.
- 20 11. An envelope as defined in claim 5, the second aperture having a base shaped to form a reclosure flap projecting above the tear strip when the closure flap's front surface is folded against the top sheet's front surface.
- 25 12. An envelope as defined in claim 5, wherein the pocket is slightly larger than a preselected article to be stored in the pocket.
13. An envelope as defined in claim 12, wherein the center sheet has a thickness dimension slightly greater than a thickness dimension of the article.

14. An envelope as defined in claim 5, wherein the top, bottom and center sheets are formed of paperboard.
- 5 15. An envelope as defined in claim 5, wherein the center sheet is formed of paperboard and the top and bottom sheets are formed of a transparent material.
- 10 16. A method of making an envelope, comprising:
- (a) providing a top sheet having front and rear surfaces;
 - (b) providing a bottom sheet having front and rear surfaces;
 - (c) providing a center sheet having front and rear surfaces;
 - (d) forming a closure flap at and projecting from one end of the bottom sheet;
 - 15 (e) cutting a first aperture in and intersecting one end of the center sheet;
 - (f) applying adhesive to the center sheet's front and rear surfaces;
 - (g) placing the bottom and center sheets together with the one end of the bottom sheet adjacent the one end of the center sheet and with the bottom sheet's front surface against the center sheet's rear surface; and,
 - 20 (h) placing the top and center sheets together with the center sheet's front surface against the top sheet's rear surface;
- 25 wherein the first aperture forms an open-ended pocket between the top sheet's rear surface and the bottom sheet's front surface.
- 30 17. A method as defined in claim 16, further comprising, before placing the top and center sheets together, cutting a second aperture in and intersecting one end of the top sheet, and wherein placing the top and center sheets together further comprises

placing the one end of the top sheet adjacent the one end of the center sheet.

- 5 18. A method as defined in claim 16, further comprising providing an adhesive strip on a front surface of the closure flap.
19. A method as defined in claim 18, further comprising forming a tear strip in the closure flap.
- 10 20. A method as defined in claim 19, further comprising forming the tear strip by perforating the closure flap.
- 15 21. A method as defined in claim 19, further comprising forming the tear strip by perforating the closure flap along a pair of spaced lines extending across the closure flap substantially parallel to the one end of the center sheet.
- 20 22. A method as defined in claim 19 wherein the adhesive strip further comprises a resealable adhesive strip.
23. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising providing the adhesive strip between the tear strip and a distal end of the closure flap.
- 25 24. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising scoring the closure flap along a line adjacent and substantially parallel to the one end of the center sheet.
- 30 25. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising scoring the closure flap along a pair of closely-spaced lines adjacent and substantially parallel to the one end of the center sheet.

26. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein cutting the second aperture further comprises shaping a base portion of the second aperture to form a reclosure flap projecting above the tear strip when the closure flap's front surface is folded against the top sheet's front surface.
27. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising sizing the first aperture slightly larger than a preselected article to be stored in the pocket.
28. A method as defined in claim 27, forming the center sheet from a material having a thickness dimension slightly greater than a thickness dimension of the article.
29. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising forming the top, bottom and center sheets of paperboard.
30. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising forming the center sheet of paperboard and forming the top and bottom sheets of a transparent material.